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Michigan Historical Center

# Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Michigan Historical Center

Lansing, Michigan

June 13, 2011

### Call to Order

President Larry Griffin called the of the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. (Friends) to order at 10:31 A.M.

*Board Members Present:* Andy Andersen, Larry Griffin, Keith Harrison, Ralph Sims, Bus Spaniola, Louise Stilwill, Morris Thomas, Tom Truscott, and Geneva Wiskemann.

*Board Members Absent:* Richard Johnson, Jennifer Sochor, and Paul Tarr

*Board Members Excused:* Richard Johnson, Jennifer Sochor, and Paul Tarr

*Michigan Historical Museum (Museum):* None.

*Guest:* Chris Williams.

### Approval of Agenda

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda; motion passed.*

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 2011 Board meetings; motion passed.*

### President's Report

It was indicated that the President's Report would be addressed throughout the Committee Reports.

### Treasurer Report

Financial Report 6-11-11

Balance	5-01-11	5,092.67
Deposits	1,500.00	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Funds		6,592.67

Cashed Checks			
	#1028	MSU	400.00
	#1029	HsofM	322.00
			<u>722.05</u>
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Balance	5-31-11	5,870.67
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### Treasurer Report continued

Unchashed Check	#1027	Larry Griffin	102.06	- <u>102.06</u>
Available Funds				5,768.56
Checking			5,763.56	
Savings			5.00	
Benevolent Fund			50.00	

***A motion was made and seconded to approve the Financial Report for the period May 1 - May 31, 2011; motion passed.***

### Museum Report

A written proposal that was prepared by Sandra Clark was presented. The proposal was to create a Friends of Michigan History "Museum Membership" that would be offered at the admissions desk. It would include free admission to the museum instead of the magazine subscription that we may want to continue to offer to members that we recruit in some other way.

The Museum's starting admission cost is \$6 for adults with children 18 and younger free. October 1, the Museum will be able to charge children 6 -18 an admission fee of \$2.00. With that mind, the Museum believes that a good price point for the Museum Membership option would be:

- \$40.00 for an individual plus one  
(the membership holder and a guest admitted free to the museum)
- \$50.00 for a household plus one  
(2 adults plus children or grandchildren and one guest admitted free to the museum)

Museum Members would also receive:

- 10% store discount (also good at the seekingmichigan.org store)
- Time Travelers
- Invitations to openings and announcements of special events and programs.

The Museum proposal suggested that opening negotiations start by proposing that the Friends get \$10 from each Museum Membership.

The proposal was discussed by the Board

***A motion was made and seconded that whatever is done with the proposal that the magazine subscription be included; motion passed.***

It was decided that the proposal will need to be discussed at length at the next Board meeting.

### Committee Reports

A. *2011 Veterans Day Program Committee. (Paul Tarr and Larry Griffin – Co chairs):* It was reported that the program was on track. President Griffin asked Board Member Ralph Sims to see if Mr. Jefferson might still be available just in case our current speaker becomes unavailable.

B. *Membership Committee (Keith Harrison – Chair).* No report.

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### **Committee Reports (continued)**

C. *Board Nominating Committee (Tom Truscott- Chair)*. It was indicated that a Board Secretary needed to be recruited. Also, it was indicated that additional Board members were needed,

D. *Grants Committee (----- - Chair)*. No report. .

E. *Newsletter Committee (Paul Tarr - Chair)*. No report.

F. *Fund Raising Committee (Bus Spaniola - Chair)*. The tentative dates for the Doo Wop program was October 23rd or 30th. Bus Spaniola, Andy Anderson, and Paul Tarr continue to make plans for this program. The key now is to see if the band would be available on these dates.

G. *Bylaws (Paul Tarr – Chair)*. No report.

H. *Sesquicentennial/Civil War (Tom Truscott - Chair)*. Tom Truscott indicated that we would be looking at June 1, 2012 for the next Civil War Sesquicentennial Concert. There also was discussion about holding a Civil War Sesquicentennial Symposium.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectively submitted,

*Keith G. Harrison*

Keith G. Harrison, *Secretary Pro Temp*  
Resident Agent  
Board of Directors  
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

**The next Board meeting will be Monday, July 11, 2011, in Lansing.**